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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A printing blanket for reducing corrosion and abrasion of printing blankets and blanket cylinders comprising at least one base ply comprised of metal having first and second major surfaces and a surface layer on said first surface of said base ply, wherein the second surface of said base ply includes a polymer thereon having a thickness of at least about 0.0013 cm.
2. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 1 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers, nylon polyester, polyurethane, and polyethylene.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 1 including an intermediate compressible layer positioned between said base ply and said surface layer.
5. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 4 including a reinforcing ply positioned between said compressible layer and said surface layer.
6. (Original) The printing blanket of claim of claim 4 including a reinforcing ply positioned between said base ply and said compressible layer.
7. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 1 wherein said polymer extends over substantially the entire second surface of said base ply.

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8. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 1 wherein said polymer includes corrosion inhibiting additives therein and/or thereon.

9. (Original) The printing blanket of claim 1 wherein said polymer is in the form of a multi-layer laminate including at least one corrosion inhibiting film layer.

Claims 10-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A protective polymer for use on the surface of a metal base ply of a printing blanket which contacts a printing blanket cylinder, wherein said polymer has a thickness of at least about 0.0013 cm and reduces corrosion and abrasion of said metal base ply and said printing blanket cylinder.

19. (Original) The protective polymer of claim 18 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers, nylon, polyester, polyurethane, and polyethylene.

20. (Original) The protective polymer of claim 18 including corrosion inhibiting additives therein and/or thereon.

21. (Original) A protective polymeric film for use on the surface of a metal base ply of a printing blanket which contacts a printing blanket cylinder, wherein said polymer is in the form of a multi-layer laminate including at least one corrosion-inhibiting film layer.

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22.(New) A printing blanket for reducing corrosion and abrasion of printing blankets and blanket cylinders comprising at least one base ply comprised of metal having first and second major surfaces, a surface layer on said first surface of said base ply, and a polymer in the form of a film or sheet which is adhered to the second surface of said base ply with an adhesive.